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Ukraine, EU take big step towards each other Does Ukraine benefit from signing the Association Agreement?

By signing the economic section of the association agreement with the European Union on June 27th, Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko finally completed the agreement that triggered a revolution toppling his predecessor, Viktor Yanukovych, for backing out of the same deal. Poroshenko used the same pen to ink the document in Brussels that Yanukovych was supposed to use during the Nov. 29 summit in Vilnius, but resisted despite hours of persuasion from European officials that night. <http://goo.gl/3fcKPf>

Ukrainian President Poroshenko joined the leaders of Georgia and Moldova in signing agreements in Brussels on closer economic ties with the European Union. RFE/RL asked residents of Kyiv for their reactions. (Video with English subtitles) <http://goo.gl/yFRTtf>

OFFICIAL: Poroshenko: Ukrainians expect EU to protect the country's 'independence and territorial integrity'. Read the full text of the speech given by President Poroshenko at the signing ceremony for the

Ukraine- European Union Association Agreement held at the EU Council building in Brussels on June 27, as published on the president's official website. <http://goo.gl/JmrkGx>

What EU Accords Mean For Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova. <http://goo.gl/RTMfmG>

How does Ukraine benefit from signing the association agreement with the EU? <http://goo.gl/A3XEUq>

Ukraine takes another step on the western path it chose 800 years ago. <http://goo.gl/0rr3Jt>

CNN EXCLUSIVE: Christiane Amanpour interviews Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko. Poroshenko says a peace deal can come within months or even weeks; Russian President Vladimir Putin can be pragmatic or emotional. <http://goo.gl/BvTCRo>

June 28. A huge flag displayed on the Potemkinsky stairs in Odesa on Constitution Day, June 28th.

<http://goo.gl/LRMjMF>



Cease-Fire in Eastern Ukraine Nears End

A cease-fire in eastern Ukraine is set to expire on June 30 amid growing public opposition in Kyiv against an extension of the truce. <http://goo.gl/JS2zPk>

OFFICIAL: Poroshenko's statement after June 29th phone call with Putin, Merkel and Hollande. In the course of the conversation, the Head of State informed the interlocutors that Ukraine completely fulfills its commitments on the implementation of the peace plan in accordance to the decision of the European Council and unilaterally complies with the ceasefire regime proclaimed until June 30, 22:00. <http://goo.gl/SQzqLF>

June 29: Protesters gathered in central Kyiv to demand an end to a cease-fire in eastern Ukraine, where security forces are battling pro-Russian separatists. <http://goo.gl/SysPRW> ; <http://goo.gl/NOkXH3>

If after June 30th, when the unilateral ceasefire comes to an end, the government does not make concrete steps, the citizens of the east will start saving Donbas from terrorists themselves. <http://goo.gl/rls6By>

Ukraine accused pro-Russian rebels of starting at least seven skirmishes on June 28th in violation of a cease-fire, and urged President Vladimir Putin's government to "stop hiring and recruiting militants." Rebels killed five Ukrainian soldiers in violation of a truce extended by the country's government after the European Union gave Russia three days to quell the insurgency or face deeper sanctions. Thirteen soldiers also were wounded in attacks by pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine's eastern region while five suffered shell shock, Ukraine

National Security Council spokesman Andriy Lysenko told reporters in Kiev. <http://goo.gl/sZe2ry>

A railroad bridge near the village of Zelenyy Kolodyaz was blown up on Sunday, June 29, at 3:00. <http://goo.gl/gb4gIY>

June 28: Pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine have released four OSCE monitors they had held captive for more than one month. <http://goo.gl/g6lMde>; <http://goo.gl/Z6eeGy>

Proof that Russia is helping to foment unrest in Ukraine is mounting, with Kyiv this week saying it has irrefutable, "smoking-gun" evidence of Russian military vehicles and weapons being used against its forces in the country's embattled east. <http://goo.gl/Y7uiLX>

Terrorists execute comrades who wish to surrender. <http://goo.gl/bVFGXS>

Russian President Vladimir Putin has insisted that Viktor Medvedchuk participate in the tripartite peace negotiations in Donbas, and not simply because he is Putin's confidant. Putin's main goal is to make Medvedchuk, head of the Ukrainian Choice movement (pro-Russian political organization — Ed.), the governor of the Donetsk Oblast and then to return him to Ukrainian politics. <http://goo.gl/RlyXeR>

Top 13 Terrorists in Eastern Ukraine: a gravedigger, a criminal, a drug dealer, Santa Claus, and a fertilizer salesman. <http://goo.gl/8jGbZz>

A day with Ukraine's volunteer fighters (left) <http://goo.gl/DwpfAl>
Gunmen holed up on the grounds of a Slovyansk orphanage and opened fire on residential buildings. There were victims. <http://goo.gl/86KByb>



Six soldiers, not to be taken hostage, detonate grenade

How heroes are born

The tragic battle near Luhansk: in order not to surrender to separatists, six soldiers blew themselves up with a grenade. <http://goo.gl/piiagP>

Saving Lieutenant Savchenko: A story of the "Ukrainian Jordan O'Neil". Nadiya Savchenko, senior lieutenant in the Ukrainian army, was captured by Kremlin-backed separatists in Ukraine's eastern region on June 17. <http://goo.gl/qsRwTI>

Ukraine's Humanitarian Crisis Deepens

Morgan Stanley's representative in Ukraine sees hope for nation amid gloomy forecasts.

A senior UN human rights official this week said that in the past two weeks the number of displaced persons in Ukraine has doubled to more than 46,000. But the true number is likely higher due to the lack of a formal registration system. <http://goo.gl/L8Ly07>

Human rights infringements linked to Russia's aggression in Ukraine. <http://goo.gl/0kJ8wj>

Eastern Ukraine: Slovyansk Amid The Cease-Fire (photo report). <http://goo.gl/spTbHT>

New York-headquartered financial giant Morgan Stanley, which manages a client asset portfolio of \$1.9 trillion, may be considered one of the rare optimists this year about Ukraine. It predicts only a four percent drop in the nation's economy. Others, including Moody's international credit rating agency, expect a drop of up to 10 percent. <http://goo.gl/J8IFZz>

Living Without Russian Gas: Hard, but Possible. Since Russia's Gazprom cut gas supplies to Ukraine on June 16, the Ukrainian government has been intensively looking for an energy model that provides total

independence from Russian blue fuel. Energy experts think Ukraine may succeed in this.

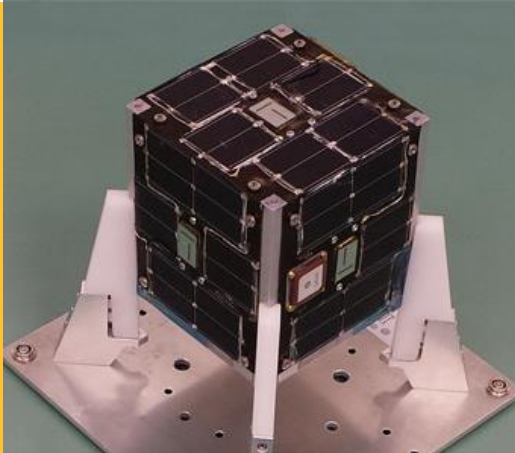
<http://goo.gl/o9C1d9>

Tax Ministry: Some \$250 million USD in state funds were allocated to fraudulent companies in 2014. Ukraine's use of funds obtained under the Kyoto carbon trading scheme has long been under the spotlight. Allegations of misuse of "Kyoto money" dogged ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, who was imprisoned for more than two years after an abuse-of-office conviction derided as politically motivated. Under overthrown President Viktor Yanukovich's government, the scale of alleged corruption related to these funds only increased. Now fresh evidence suggests schemes developed during his years in power threaten to derail Ukraine's transition to a more democratic and less corrupt future. <http://goo.gl/nNJvZl>

Chubarov: Simferopol authorities are segregating Crimean Tatars.

<http://khpg.org/en/index.php?id=1403792701>

Left: The first Ukrainian Nano satellite constructed at Kyiv Polytechnic University is already in the Earth's orbit (Ukr) <http://goo.gl/35N13h>
Right: Ukrainian photographer Maxim Dondyuk was named this year's winner of the prestigious Rémi Ochlik Prize <http://goo.gl/HMWks8>



Trust in the president, and in the EU, will be undermined if the latter fails to make good on its current threats of sanctions

The decision to extend a ceasefire which only one side was respecting was doubtless taken under pressure from the EU, and not widely understood at home. Trust in the president, and in the EU, will be undermined if the latter fails to make good on its threats of sanctions this time. <http://goo.gl/XVGmGg>

June 30: NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen opened a meeting of alliance foreign ministers by noting Russia's use of "ambiguous" warfare in Ukraine while

saying its door "remains open" to aspirant countries.

<http://goo.gl/YJKKqj> ; <http://goo.gl/OgSX0B>

Moody's has cut the credit-rating outlook of Russia to "negative," a sign of a possible future downgrade.

<http://goo.gl/eBoebm>

Merkel and Putin want to turn Ukraine into a weak confederation – Romanenko. <http://goo.gl/Tbp53m>

Another \$50 million in investment coming to Ukraine's hot IT sector

Dmytro Lysytsky, who previously headed the digital department of fugitive former billionaire Serhiy Kurchenko's Ukrainian Media Holding, is launching an investment fund focused on financing large and local high-tech companies. The fund will have a portfolio of \$50 million, Lysytsky said in an interview with the Kyiv Post, while a pool of Ukrainian and American investors will be contributing capital. The first investments should be made in the fall.

<http://goo.gl/gRISFM>

U.S. Tech Companies Have a Lot at Stake in Ukraine. An astounding number of American technology companies employ engineers in Ukraine, but you might never know it. The Ukrainian tech industry is responsible for Ford's in-car infotainment systems, Reuter's award-winning photography app, Nokia's customer retail experience, and Deutsche Bank's Risk Management System, among many others.

<http://goo.gl/4gZAou>

Motor Sich poking around Poland. Ukrainian aircraft engines might soon find their way into NATO hardware. Local Zaporizhzhya-based jet engine builder Motor Sich announced on May 16 that it has established a working group with a leading Polish helicopter manufacturer, PZL Swidnik, in anticipation of joint production of helicopters that would involve Ukrainian engines. <http://goo.gl/bCCKME>

Ukraine: An Old Country Searching For A New Soul. Ukraine has emerged as the "it" country in the global spotlight. With 56 international delegations at the inauguration of Ukraine president Petro Poroshenko and a noticeable spike in cultural and intellectual life prompted by the revolution in Kyiv, Ukraine stands out as an old country with a new soul—just what the West needs. <http://goo.gl/eTmn7i>

Kamyana Mohyla
(Stone Grave),
UNESCO protected
archeological site in
central Ukraine
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/5075/> ;
<http://goo.gl/OyZkQH>



The intriguing and confusing Ukrainian language – what do foreigners think?

Foreign ears: what foreigners are saying about the Ukrainian language. <http://goo.gl/9vHxEB>

Four Myths about Stepan Bandera.
<http://goo.gl/zwbYJK>

Videos about Maidan in English.
<http://euromaidanpr.com/english-videos/>

Petro Prokopovych was the founder of commercial beekeeping. He introduced novelties in traditional beekeeping that allowed great progress in the practice. Among his most important inventions was the placement of a frame in a separate honey chamber in his beehive. <http://goo.gl/u3br7H> ;
<http://goo.gl/LeqCtB>

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